

Lewiston City Newsletter

September 2016

Mayor's Report

I encourage all citizens of Lewiston to attend our annual picnic. The only purpose of this annual event is to celebrate being citizens of this community and to mingle with friends and neighbors. The picnic this year will be held on September 24 and is free of charge. Come and enjoy the picnic.

Over the next several months I would like to take this space to discuss the finances and budget of our city. Local governments, especially small city governments have definite financial and budget challenges. My goal is to communicate these challenges.

I dislike taxes as much as anyone else. Taxes are necessary for governments to function and to provide services of any kind. Taxes are collected by a multitude of government entities and subdivisions. It is interesting to me that municipal government, that which is closest to the tax payer and provides the most direct services, is also the government that is chastened the most. Perhaps it is because local government is the only subdivision that can be easily

reached.

The income for the operation of Lewiston City comes from a limited number of sources. The sources are as follow:

Property Tax

Sales Tax

B&C Road finds (Fuel Tax)

Sales of Services (Water, Sewer, Garbage Collection, Public Property Rental, Recreation Fees, Theatre Charges, etc.)

This income is used to provide police protection, road maintenance and repair, library, theatre, fire protection, emergency medical services, parks, recreation, 4th of July celebration, cemetery, water, sewer, garbage collection, 911 service, animal control, crossing guards, court, and other local services.

One of the big challenges is that the desire for community services always exceeds the income to support these services. Lewiston City is fortunate in that past and current councils have been wise in their use of debt so our city has little debt and operates within the in-

come available. This is the trap that other governmental subdivisions have failed. They have allowed the desire for services to exceed income and have turned to debt to finance the desires.

In the next several months I will examine in depth various aspects of income and expense to make our local finances more visible. As part of the process I ask each of you to look at your recent property tax notice that was provided to you from the county. You will notice that there are at least eight taxing entities listed on the notice. Of the total property taxes assessed on your property Lewiston City represents approximately 17.7% of the total bill. In contrast the Cache County School District along with the Utah State School Board represents approximately 63% of the total.

If you have any questions regarding our budget or any other topic please contact me at 435-258-2194 or mayorfield@gmail.com

Mayor Kelly Field

Upcoming events

* Flu Clinic Wednesday September 21 @ Sunrise Park

Assisted Living from 2-6 pm

* Lewiston Library Fall Festival October 29th at the City Park.

We are looking for donations of dishes or stuffed animals.

* Story Time at the Library Wednesdays @ 10 am

Saturday

September

24, 2016

From 4-6 pm

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September 24

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Hamburgers

Hot Dogs

Friends

Laughter

Lewiston City

Community

Picnic

Join us for our
annual Party!

Free food, Free fun,
and great community
friendships on Satur-

day Sept. 24 from

4-6 p.m. at the City

Park/Pavilion

